

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Applicants submitted a certified copy of the priority document on July 15, 2004, as shown in the image file wrapper in PAIR. Confirmation of receipt of the priority document is respectfully requested in the next Office Action.

Claims 1-10 have been amended herein for clarity of expression as well as to address the issues raised under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Regarding the rejection of Claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claims 6-8 have been amended to recite, *inter alia*, a "data output time adjustment unit" as described, for example, in Fig. 11 and at page 24, line 11 to page 25, line 23 of Applicants' disclosure.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, Applicants note that Fig. 6 of Applicants' disclosure shows that in the first operating mode, Applicants' claimed memory card has input/output timing that conforms to the first operation standard (for example, the MMC standard) and the second operation standard (for example, the SD card standard) and, in the second mode of operation, Applicants' claimed memory card has input/output timing that conforms to a third operation standard (for example, the High Speed (HS) MMC standard), as described at page 17, line 20 to page 18, line 20 of Applicants' disclosure. Amended Claim 1 is consistent with the foregoing, and thus properly enabled.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over Kawai, and Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kawai in combination with Yagishita. Without acceding to the rejections, Claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, that the memory card conforms to a first operation standard, a second operation standard, and a third operation standard based on the first operation standard. Claim 1 has further been amended to recite that the controller controls a second data output timing that satisfies the third operation standard, in a second operation mode.

The foregoing features of Claim 1 are apparently not disclosed or suggested in either Kawai or Yagishita. For example, neither Kawai nor Yagishita discloses or suggests a third operation standard. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

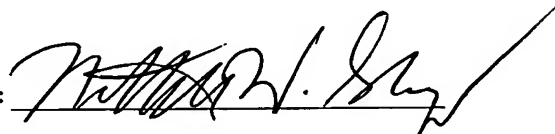
In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicants respectfully request an early Notice of Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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